



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Thomas A. Grieb
110 Thayer Drive
Portsmouth, RI 02871

Dear Mr. Grieb:

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-2020-007178

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on September 28, 2020 requesting the following:

1. This is a FOIA request for a list of all EPA disbursements to the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission (AIPC) under the EPA Island Waters Grant. This was a grant from US EPA Region 1 to AIPC for watershed restoration on Aquidneck Island (RI) under funding opportunity EPA - R1 - SNEP - 2016, CDFA 66.129 in the amount of \$996,000. I am requesting the list of individual payments by the EPA to AIPC, what grant deliverables each payment covered and the dates those payments were made over the 4 years of this EPA grant. I would also like the information AIPC provided with their invoices explaining what the requested amounts covered. If the amount the EPA paid was ever different from what AIPC invoiced, I would like the explanation provided to AIPC for the difference.

Response: The agency has concluded its search for records responsive to your request. The enclosure provides the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission documentation. FOIA does not require agencies to create new records or to conduct research, analyze data, or answer questions when responding to requests.

You may appeal this determination by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460 or through FOIAonline if you are an account holder. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., WJC-N Building, Room 7309C, Washington, DC 20460. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day.

The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or call (202) 566-1667. You may also seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government

Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax: (202) 741-5769. For all media inquiries, please contact press@epa.gov.

Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

Sincerely,

Meshell Jones-Peeler
Deputy Controller

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